S. No.	Circle/State	Gram Panchayats provided with Telephone facility
12	North East Arunachal Pradesh Manipur Meghalaya Mizoram Nagaland Tripura	236
13	Orissa	1812
14	Punjab	1231
15	Rajasthan	2657
16	Tamil Nadu	7074
	Pondicherry	11
17	Uttar Pradesh	4350
18	West Bengal	1020
	A&N Islands	11
	Sikkim	29
19	Delhi (U,T,)	121
	TOTAL :	48922

STD facility to Village Panchayats

2323. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to provide S.T.D. facility to every Village Panchayat during current financial year;

(b) if so, the details of scheme with names of Village Panchayats to be covered during current financial year;

(c) whether villagers of Panchayat have to pay subsidised charges while using S.T.D. facility;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to provide this facility to district headquarters; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (d) No, Sir. The Government have planned to provide telephone facility in every Panchayat Village progressively by March, 1995. A proposal for providing STD facility from these telephones is being examined and details are being worked out.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Out of 479 District Headquarters, 427 have been provided with N.S.D. facility so far. The remaining District Headquarters are planned for provisions of STD facility during the current financial year.

Facility of Speed Post in Rajasthan and Orissa

2324. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of cities in Rajasthan and Orissa where the

facilities of Speed Post are available at present; and

(b) what are the details of plans for 1991-95 for extending such facility to remaining cities in the above States particularly during 1991-92?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The speed post facilities are available in the following cities/towns in Rajasthan and Orissa:

RAJASTHAN

(i) *Under National Network as well as point to point speed post service*

JAIPUR

(ii) *Under point to point speedpost service.*

1. Ajmer
2. Jodhpur
3. Pali
4. Bikaner
5. Kota
6. Udaipur

ORISSA

(i) *Under National Network as well as point to point Speed post service*

1. Bhubaneshwar
2. Cuttuck

(ii) *Under point to point Speed post Service*

1. Rourkela
2. Baripada
3. Balasore
4. Puri
5. Sambalpur
6. Paradeep (Port)
7. Berhampur
8. Balangir

(b) There is no plan at preesnt for 1991-95 and particularly during 1991-92 for extending speed post facilifty to remaining cities of Rajasthan and Orissa.

Improvement in Telecom Services in the country

2325. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is af act that at his Press-Conference at Chandigarh on 30th November, 1991, he had announced a provision of Rs. 40,000/- crores for the Telecommunication Department during the Eighth Plan for improving telecom services in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details of the funds proposed to be provided by borrowings, internal generation and other sources;

(c) whether Rajasthan's demand for providing each Panchayat with STD facility by the years 1992-95 is likely to bet met; and

(d) the allocation made during the current financial year as well as during the Eighth Plan period for expansion of telecommunications network in the State particularly in the rural areas?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) The draft 8th Plan proposals of the Department of Telecommunications envisage an outlay of Rs. 40,555 crores for the expansion and improvement of the telecommunications services. The proposal envisages internal resources to the extent of nearly 75 per cent and the remainder nearly 25 per cent to be borrowed from the market.

(c) Yes, Sir, by March, 1995.

(d) The Budgetary estimate for 1991-92 provides for an outlay of Rs. 34.14 crores for Rajasthan Telecom Circle for development of the telecommunications services including the Rural Areas. Depending upon the approved plan outlay allocation is made to the respective units on year to year basis.

देश में संचार प्रणाली का विस्तार

2326. श्री रजनी रंजन साहू : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या इक्कीसवीं सदी में संचार प्रणाली के महत्व को मद्दे नजर रखते